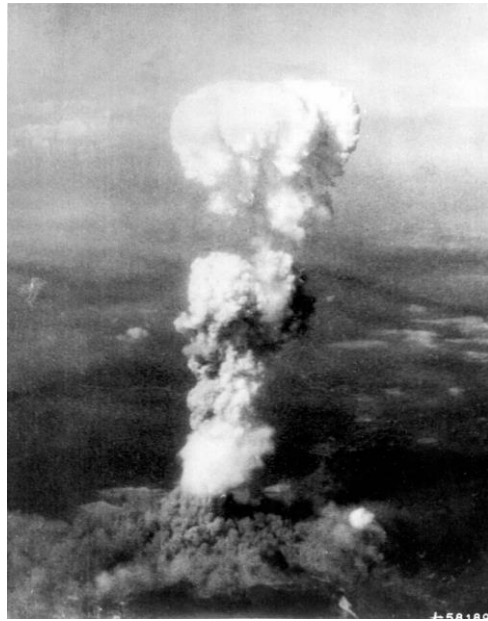
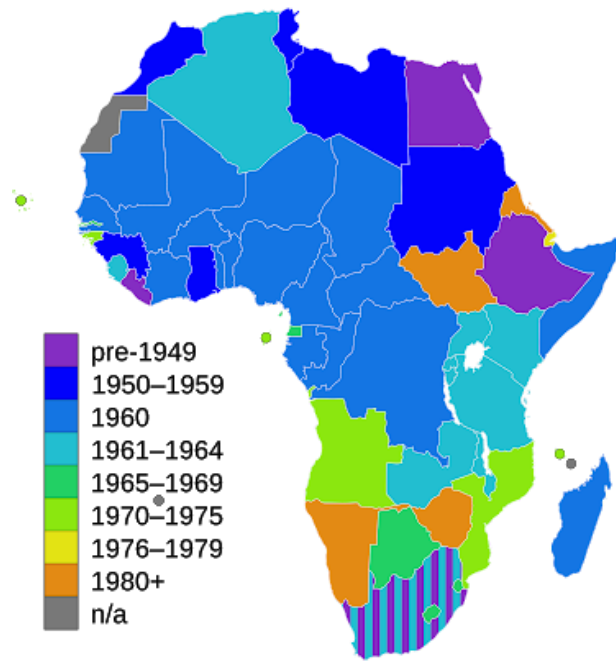


1945-1960



Confrontation between the USSR and the USA increases.



The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is founded.



The People's Republic of China is founded.

AUG 6 1945

1949

1945-1960

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AUG 1949

OCT 1949

USA drops the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, beginning the Atomic Age.



Decolonization period in Asia and Africa.



The Soviet Union unveils its nuclear bomb and a period of deterrence begins.



1960-1990



Formation of the Warsaw Pact.



The Cuban Missile Crisis.



Signing of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

1952

1955

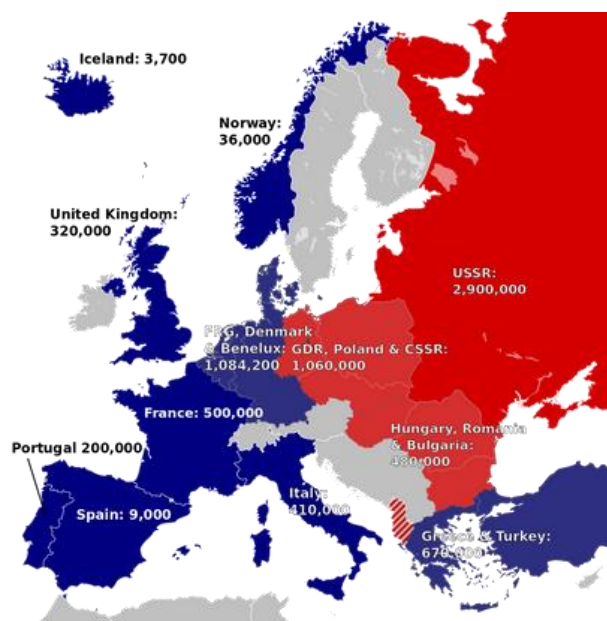
1950s-1970s

OCT 1962

1963

1968-70

Hydrogen bomb testing leads to protest.



The Vietnam War leads to large peace marches around the world, particularly in the US, alongside the civil rights movement



Tensions rise following the construction and fortification of the Berlin Wall.



1975-1990



NATO threatens to deploy new nuclear weapons in Europe as part of the "double-track decision".



Gorbachev assumes power in the USSR and works with Reagan amidst peace movement activities.



The Charter of Paris for a New Europe seeks to integrate the Eastern bloc into a larger European cooperation.

1975

1979

1981

1985

1987-1988

NOV 1990

The Helsinki Accords are signed by countries of the Eastern and Western blocs.



Ronald Reagan assumes office and a hardline policy against the USSR.



The Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty is signed by the USA and USSR and enters into effect

